

Mr. McKenzie stated verbally a reference from the session of Baltimore. The session was instructed to proceed to take evidence in the case, and Messrs. Laing and Smith, with Messrs. Riddel and Carruthers, were appointed to act as assessors.

An overture was submitted anent a Book of Forms of Procedure, which it was resolved to transmit to the Synod, and Messrs. Roger and Ewing were appointed to support it in the Synod.

Mr. Wm. Jeffrey was appointed to act as Treasurer for the Presbytery.

Messrs. Ewing, Roger and Blain were appointed to consider the subject of missionary meetings, and to report at next meeting.

JAMES BOWIE, *Pres. Clerk.*

THE PRESBYTERY OF HAMILTON.

This Presbytery met in Knox's Church, Hamilton, on the 8th October, and was constituted by Rev. Mr. Stark, Moderator.

There were present sixteen ministers and ten elders.

Mr. James Mitchell, student, was transferred to the Toronto Presbytery, *pro tem.*

Mr. Knowles was examined by a committee, who reported their satisfaction with his attainments, and recommended his entering Knox College as a student of the second year in the literary course. This report was adopted by Presbytery.

Rev. Mr. Black, according to his previous intimation, laid upon the table of the Presbytery his resignation of the charge of the Oneida congregation to facilitate its union with the other congregation there, and their junction with Indiana as one pastoral charge.

This was followed by a number of papers from the greater part of our Grand River congregations, declaring their ripeness for union, and praying for it; one from Indiana, praying that Oneida and the congregations in Caledonia, vacant by the death of Dr. Ferrier, may with it form one charge; a paper from Seneca, under the care of Rev. Mr. Cheyne, who tendered his resignation, praying to be connected with Indiana and Oneida; two papers from the congregations in Caledonia, one expressing a desire for union under certain conditions, the other declaring that in the meantime a union would be premature, and lastly, two papers from the congregations in the Allan Tract, or as they are sometimes called Ancaster East, one expressive of the congregations' approval of the Presbytery's acceptance of Mr. Black's resignation of the Oneida congregation and of their desire to be still connected with Caledonia; the other signed by forty-nine members of one of the congregations, by fifteen of the other congregation, and by fifty-two adherents of both, showing that union in their own congregations and also in Caledonia is very desirable and would be beneficial, but that to accomplish this, in the estimation of the memorialists, it will be necessary that each of the ministers resign the charge of his respective congregations.

The Presbytery, after some little conversation, unanimously agreed to appoint Rev. Messrs. Cheyne and Porteous, with Messrs. Hugh Young and James Thomson, Elders, a deputation to hold meetings in the above mentioned congregations, with the exception of that in Eastern Seneca, to ascertain their views and wishes in reference to contemplated changes of pastoral relations, and as far as possible to assist them in coming to an amicable arrangement in these matters, and to report to Presbytery at its next meeting. Mr. Cheyne to be Convener.

Rev. Wm. M. Christie was appointed to moderate in a call in the congregations of Thorold and Drummondville.

JOHN PORTEOUS, *Pres. Clerk.*

PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

The Presbytery held its regular quarterly meeting on 30th September, and 1st October. Seventeen ministers and six elders were present.

A call was sustained from the congregation of Windsor in favour of the Rev. William Bennett, and having been accepted by Mr. B., his induction was appointed for 22nd October.

A petition was received from the congregation of Widder, asking that a member of Presbytery be appointed to moderate in a call there. The request was granted, and a moderation appointed, to be held on 22nd October,—Mr. Chesnut to preside.